

IN DIXIE LAND.

Colored Letter Carriers Organize for Mutual Benefit—Billy Kersands—The Lone Minstrel—Miss Crawford's Beautiful Singing—Colonel Church a Race Benefactor.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Special.—During the past summer, Memphians witnessed some of the most aristocratic entertainments ever given in the city. None has ever been given on a higher order than was that given at Church's Auditorium in September under the auspices of the Negro letter carriers. The Negro carriers of Memphis have organized themselves into a society whose object is to care for their sick members and give high-class entertainments. This year was the celebration of their third anniversary. Messrs. W. H. Owens and James H. Pratt are president and secretary, respectively. Much credit is due the officers and the different committees for working so earnestly to please the public.

On the same night of this entertainment, Billy Kersands was billed to appear at the Main Street Auditorium. Knowing what a drawing card Kersands in Memphis, the committee felt very much discouraged, since they could not postpone their entertainment. Calling his sub-committees together, President Owens explained that every man must work earnestly, or failure was certain. Never did a body of men work harder than did these, and their efforts were crowned with success. In addition to a high-class vaudeville show and an open-air concert by the Young Men's Business Board, Miss Pearl M. Crawford was billed to sing. For a number of years Miss Crawford was a teacher in the public schools of Memphis. From early childhood Miss Crawford evinced a remarkably sweet voice and a natural love for music. Literary entertainments were never given that her services were not sought for. Following the advice of her many friends, about eight years ago Miss Crawford resigned her position as teacher and made a trip to Europe, where she improved nature's gift (her voice) a hundred fold.

Surprise should not, therefore, be expressed why it is known that, notwithstanding Billy Kersands was advertised to appear at the Main Street Auditorium the same night, when the advertising committee let the public know that Miss Crawford would sing at Church's Auditorium she was greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience of representative citizens, who clapped continually for her long before the program commenced. Miss Crawford must be heard to be appreciated. With her sweet, warbling, birdlike voice, Miss Crawford bends audiences at her will. Two hundred dollars a week would be a moderate salary for a singer of such rare ability, provided her face was white.

If the rich men throughout the country would emulate the example of Mr. Robert R. Church, of Memphis, in building play houses, our women and men similarly blessed by nature as is Miss Crawford, would have opportunities to devote their talents sufficiently to enable us to boast of companies, not even operas excepted, equal to any in our land.

Master Robert Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Boyd, has left the city to

attend Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Samuel Richmond has entirely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their third son.

BROWN BONES.

THE ATLANTA Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

Great interest is being manifested in the approaching Y. M. C. A. workers' conference to be held in Atlanta, Ga., November 27 to December 1. It is now evident that a much larger number of delegates will attend than was at first anticipated. Both student and city associations all over the country are already electing their delegates. The Atlanta Association is making great preparations for this conference, and it is expected that a mighty influence will go out from this important gathering of christian young men which will help in the uplift of the young men of the race.

An outline of the conference program will be published in these columns at an early date.

BETHEL LITERARY OPENING.

The officers of the Bethel Literary at a regular meeting decided to postpone the opening of this session until Tuesday, December 8. This action is taken by request of the pastor and trustees of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, because they have a revival in progress, which will not be closed until that date.

GEO. W. JACKSON, Pres.
T. M. DENT, Cor. Secy.

COMMON-SENSE ADVICE.

A neat little booklet issued by the X-Ray Medical Institute has reached this office and is worthy of a careful perusal because of the many truths contained therein. It is issued by Dr. S. A. Czara, chief of the staff of the X-Ray Medical Institute, and it contains a world of wisdom. Dr. Czara has been in this city for a number of years and has made some wonderful cures through the X-Ray treatments. He invites those who are suffering from any form of disease, or who have been pronounced incurable by their home physician, to call and see him at the Institute, 317 Sixth street northwest, corner Louisiana avenue. He makes no startling announcement nor any great promises, but has always been able to deliver "the goods" by making a perfect and permanent cure. Give him a call.

MARLIN, TEXAS, NEWS.

Rev. M. A. McNeese, the representative for THE COLORED AMERICAN in Marlin, Tex., is making many friends and getting many new subscribers for THE COLORED AMERICAN at that point. He is an active worker in the church as well as a successful business man. Copies of the paper can be had at the R. S. Drug Store.

Rev. C. K. Williams, D. D., preached a fine sermon at the Baptist church on the first instant.

Mrs. Eleanor Watson, who has been sick for some time, is improving at this writing.

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